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Project Information

Project Name:

Beloved Community and Family Services - Total Family Project

Amount Requested:

\$1,000,000

Project Description:

The Beloved Community Family Preservation Program is designed to address the needs of at risk youth and their families within Chicago's Englewood and West Englewood communities. The Family Preservation program will minimize the social and economic cost of children being subjected to the child welfare and criminal justice systems by providing a "total family" approach to family services. This is a unique program that recognizes that each family member has a significant impact on the growth and development of the children within the family unit. Therefore resources are provided and shared that will enable each adult member to address the children's personal needs and challenges. The lack of such resources is evident in families who are disconnected and/or separated, thus at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system and child welfare systems.

Intended Recipient of Funds

Beloved Community and Family Services

6430 South Harvard

Chicago, IL 60621

Explanation of the request:

This program specifically seeks to save taxpayer funds by reducing the amount of juveniles who are sent to state and federal criminal and juvenile services by addressing at-risk behavior at the family level. This proactive approach has been proven to directly prevent a considerable amount of juvenile delinquency and truancy nationwide.